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(ARTICLE BY LT. COL. A. KASHCHEVYEV: "CHANGES IN THE CIA")

(TEXT) PRESIDENT JOHNSON RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CIA DIRECTOR. CIA HEAD JOHN A. MCCONE IS RETIRING, ACCORDING TO AMERICAN PRESS REPORTS, AND WILLIAM F. RABORN WILL TAKE HIS PLACE. DEPUTY CIA DIRECTOR MARSHALL CARTER ALSO WILL BE REPLACED, AND RICHARD HELMS, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF CIA "PLANNING PROBLEMS," HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THIS POST.

SO FAR IT IS UNKNOWN WHEN THIS PRESIDENTIAL DECISION WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE, BUT, AS JOHNSON HIMSELF SAID, "IT WILL BE SOON."

OFFICIAL U.S. CIRCLES GIVE NO EXPLANATION FOR THIS UNEXPECTED PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON THE CHANGE OF POWER IN THIS MAJOR AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE CENTER. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS ONLY POINTS OUT THAT ALLEGEDLY MCCONE'S RESIGNATION "HAS BEEN IN JOHNSON'S POSSESSION FOR SOME TIME." BUT THE CIA DIRECTOR AND HIS DEPUTY ARE HARDLY RELINQUISHING THEIR POWERS VOLUNTARILY. THEIR DEPARTURE IS CONNECTED WITH NEW FAILURES IN ASSESSING THOSE FORCES AGAINST WHICH AMERICAN IMPERIALISM IS AIMING ITS AGGRESSIVE BLOWS.

AS IS KNOWN, MCCONE'S PREDECESSOR, ALLEN DULLES, WAS FIRED FOR THE DISGRACEFUL DEFEAT IN CUBA OF THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY GANGS WHICH HAD BEEN TRAINED AND LANDED AT THE BAY OF PIGS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THIS SAME CIA.

MCCONE MISCALCULATED WITH RESPECT TO THE HOPE OF QUELLING THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN THE CONGO. HIS FORECASTS CONCERNING ATTEMPTS TO ROUT THE FORCES OF THE NFLSV ALSO FAILED TO MATERIALIZE. DESPITE CIA WISHES, THE AMERICAN PROTEGES IN THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT ARE BITING ONE ANOTHER LIKE SPIDERS IN A JAR AND ARE FRUSTRATING ALL AMERICAN PROPAGANDA ASSERTIONS THAT THEY ALLEGEDLY EMBODY DEMOCRACY.

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK TIMES IN A RECENT ARTICLE ON THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM CASTS SOME LIGHT ON THE REASONS FOR MCCONE'S RESIGNATION. "SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL PERSONALITIES," THE PAPER WROTE, "FOR A LONG TIME HAVE CONSIDERED UNSATISFACTORY THE COLLECTION AND VERIFICATION OF INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, WHICH ARE BEING DONE TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT THROUGH VIETNAMESE CHANNELS."

NEW PEOPLE ARE NOW IN CHARGE OF THE CIA'S ESPIONAGE AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY. WHO ARE THEY?

WILLIAM F. RABORN, A RETIRED VICE ADMIRAL, IS A TYPICAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SO-CALLED MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. IN SHORT, HE IS A PROTEGE OF THE PENTAGON AND THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL CORPORATIONS. A NATIVE OF TEXAS AND 59 YEARS OF AGE, HE SERVED FOR 39 YEARS IN THE NAVY. IN 1955 HE WAS PLACED IN CHARGE OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE CREATION OF THE "POLARIS" MISSILE AND BECAME FAMOUS AS A FIERCE ADVOCATE OF NUCLEAR WAR.